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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: 32ND UNGA-VENEZUELA

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1. EMBASSY IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, DR. PEREZ GUERRERO WILL ATTEND RESUMED 31ST UNGA SESSION IN HIS ROLE AS LEADING REPRESENTATIVE OF LDCS IN CONTINUING NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. DEPARTMENT AND USUN SHOULD FOLLOW UP CLOSELY WITH PEREZ GUERRERO GIVEN MEETINGS BETWEEN PRESIDENTS CARTER AND PEREZ AND UNDER SECRETARY COOPER AND PEREZ GUERRERO EARLIER THIS MONTH. PEREZ GUERRERO IS, OF COURSE, KEY FIGURE IN THESE CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR SALOM WILL ATTEND 31ST UNGA BUT MORE LIKELY THAT HE WILL ONLY ATTEND OPENING SESSION OF 32ND GA. (GOV OFFICIALS NORMALLY STAY FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK, ALTHOUGH PEREZ GUERRERO COULD BE EXPECTED TO STAY SUBSTANTIALLY LONGER THIS TIME.) BOTH MINISTERS WILL PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL SENIOR AIDES.

2. DURING 32ND GA, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT
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PLAN FOR FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR (AND, IF AVAILABLE, PEREZ GUERRERO) TO MEET WITH SECRETARY VANCE IN NEW YORK AS FOLLOW UP TO EXTREMELY PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS BETWEEN PRESIDENTS CARTER AND PEREZ. SPECIFIC HIGH PRIORITY TOPICS WE SHOULD RAISE INCLUDE (WITH ESCOVAR): MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO CARIBBEAN, SUPPORT FOR UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER INITIATIVE, SOUTHERN AFRICA POLICY,

LOS, ANTI-TERRORISM, NON-PROLIFERATION. WITH PEREZ GUERRERO: NORTH-SOUTH MECHANISM, AND RELATIONSHIP OF LDC SUPPORT FOR ILLICIT PAYMENTS CONVENTION TO DC BACKING FOR FURTHER WORK ON TNC CODE OF CONDUCT.

3. BECAUSE PRESIDENT PEREZ VISITED UNGA LAST YEAR, AND JUST RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON, WE THINK IT VERY UNLIKELY THAT HE WILL TRAVEL TO UNGA THIS YEAR.

4. SINCE FINAL DETAILS REGARDING COMPOSITIONS OF DELEGATIONS ARE RARELY MADE HERE UNTIL WEEK BEFORE OPENING OF UNGA SESSION, EMBASSY DOES NOT EXPECT TO HAVE FIRM LIST OF NAMES AND DATES UNTIL SOME TIME IN AUGUST. IN MEAN-TIME, WE WILL INVESTIGATE PRELIMINARY THINKING OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND PEREZ GUERRERO'S OFFICE ABOUT GOV DELEGATION'S COMPOSITION AND TIMING.
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